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Portage Lake Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 146 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 14 miles south of Ludington, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 3 Mar 1879.
- Recreational harbor.
- Project depth is 18 feet.
- Over 2,000 feet of maintained Federal channel, between Lake Michigan and Portage Lake.
- More than 4,400 feet of maintained piers and revetments.
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include the City of Onkama, Michigan DNR, Michigan Boating Association and a variety of charter and sport fishing interests.

Project Needs

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a 3 to 5 year cycle of approximately 30,000 cubic yards.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area, tourism.
- Property values decrease



Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge as well as charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, 2008 and 2009
Portage Lake Harbor, MI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY07 Need	FY07 Work Plan	FY08 Need	FY08 Budget	FY09 Need	FY09 Budget*
Project Condition Surveys	15	0	15	0	15	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	210	0	210	0	210	
Shallow Draft Harbor Structure Assessment	0	0	20	0	20	
TOTALS	225	0	245	0	245	

* FY09 President's Budget will be available in February 2008